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For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING THE ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY
OF AN RNA-DIRECTED RNA POLYMERASE (RdRP)

New York, New York
February 8, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph as the first sentence of the specification
directly following the title:

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